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- Location: Located in the southeast quadrant of Arlington Hall Station on the east side of Fourth Street approximately 190 feet north of C Street. Arlington Hall Station is located at 4000 Arlington Boulevard, Arlington, Arlington County, Virginia.
- Significance: Constructed in 1942 as Enlisted Men's Barracks, Buildings 302, 303 and 304 are part of the initial building campaign initiated by the U.S. Army at Arlington Hall Station, formerly Arlington Hall Junior College (1927-1942). They are associated with the nationally significant development of Arlington Hall Station as the headquarters of United States Army intelligence activities during World War II. (For overview of Arlington Hall Station, see HABS No. VA-I270).
- Description: Buildings 302, 303 and 304 are all rectangular, single-story buildings connected by non-original perpendicular links between Building 302 and 303 and between Building 303 and 304 to form a single unit. Each building measures approximately 20 feet by 100 feet. The connecting link between Building 302 and 303 measures approximately 35 feet by 30 feet and the structure between Building 303 and 304 measures approximately 40 feet by 30 feet. Due to the prevailing topography the buildings do not maintain a consistent floor height.
- The buildings are constructed of wood with wide painted clapboards and vertical wood corner boards. The three buildings rest on concrete pilings while the two connecting buildings are built on concrete foundations. Each building is gable roofed, while the roofs of the connecting links overlap those of the other buildings to form cross gables.
- Rectangular window openings contain with two stacked single-light wood awning sash. Doors are six-light wood paneled units with some replacement units. Interior arrangement consists of single occupancy rooms off single-loaded corridors with intermediate communal spaces. Wood stoops occur at entries.
- History: Buildings 302, 303 and 304 were originally built as Enlisted Men's Barracks in 1942. In 1943 the buildings were converted into Enlisted Women's Barracks to accommodate the assignment of 550 women to the Post. In 1953, at a cost of \$19,400, these buildings were converted from troop billets to Visiting Officer's Quarters. When built they stood as individual buildings, but have subsequently been joined by connecting links to form a single unit. Currently the buildings serve

as Senior Bachelor Enlisted Quarters. They are in the process of being vacated.

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